

Study Group of Planning Commission on Dereservation of Item of SSI**2159. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:****DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:****SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:**

Will the Minister of **SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a study group of Planning Commission on Small Scale Industries has recommended dereservation of some items in the SSI list;
- (b) if so, what are the other recommendations of the study group; and
- (c) what are the comments of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The Study Group of Planning Commission headed by Dr. S.P. Gupta, in its interim report, has recommended that reservation of SSI products should continue for the present. However, it has also recommended that dereservation of some selected export thrust items could be considered. Some of the other important recommendations of the Study Group are raising the corpus of the credit guarantee scheme to Rs. 25.00 crores, strengthening of the State Financial Corporations, enhancement of the excise exemption limit to Rs. 1 crore, creation of Technology Modernisation Fund for the SSI sector, enactment of a separate act for the growth and development of SSI sector, conducting third census of registered SSI units and extending of greater marketing support of the SSI sector by the Government.

- (c) All the the recommendations of the Study Group are under consideration of the Government.